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* 1706 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have received any communication from the Centre with regard to the alternative schemes for the exploitation of lignite deposits at Neyveli recommended by Powell Duffryn Technical Services Company, Limited?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Sir, two days ago, some of the hon. Members of this House, probably along with the Hon. Minister, had an opportunity of visiting Neyveli and seeing the mines there. May I know what their impressions were?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" With regard to the impression of the hon. Members who can answer the question?"

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

(1) PRIVILEGE MOTION *re* ACTION OF MAGISTRATE IN POSTING SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR'S CASE DURING BUDGET SESSION.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I hope the House will remember that hon. Member Sri Kalyanasundaram gave notice of a privilege motion."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I have gone through the proposed motion. I find that it relates to the proceedings in a Court of Law. The discussion of that matter here is likely to create further complications. May I therefore request the hon. Deputy Leader of the Opposition through you, Sir, not to press his motion. I also request the Press not to publish anything about this matter."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, what I need is only remedy and not publicity or embarrassment to Government. So, I do not press it."

III.—MOTION UNDER RULE 40 OF MADRAS ASSEMBLY RULES *RE* INADEQUATE WATER-SUPPLY IN THE TINDIVANAM MUNICIPAL AREA.

* SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Mr. Speaker, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Health to a matter of urgent public importance, viz.—

'the inadequate water-supply in the Tindivanam Municipal area, the relief measures to be taken in view of the coming summer and the necessity to help the municipality to take up water-supply and drainage schemes immediately.'

" Sir, the people of Tindivanam Municipality are drifting in spite of themselves towards a state of emergency so far as water-supply is concerned. It will not be an exaggeration if I say that a water famine has already started showing its ugly head at present in Tindivanam. The Tindivanam Municipality is depending upon a tank called Rajankulam for the supply of drinking water. But unfortunately, the water in that tank is not only